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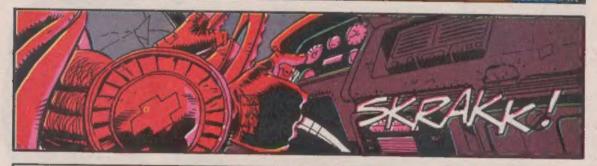








































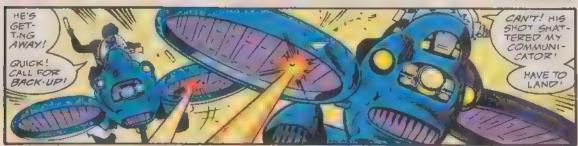


















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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi Heroes!

What good's a Soapbox if it isn't used to tell you things you didn't know? I't bet few of you were aware that mighty Marvel's sensational sister company across the sea, Marvel Comics U.K. (U.K. standing for United Kingdom, of course) has taken the once-staid British populace by storm with the creation of a pulse-pounding plethora of startling new super heroes, featured in England's own cosmic collection of costumed crusaders — the now-legendary best-seller — OVERKILLI

But, since few True Believers are able to fly to England each fortnight to pick up the latest editions, your big-hearted Bullpen has solved the problem for you We've arranged to ship most of Marvel U.K.'s titanic new titles to your favorite comicbook stores in Americal. No longer shall we underprivileged colonials be deprived of the mother country's harvest

of heroes! And what a caravansary of catactysmic characters they are! Just the briefest listing of their titles should give you an inkling of the wonderment in store...

Zooming to the U.S. at the end of '92 you'll meet DEATH'S HEAD II, MOTOR-MOUTH & KILLPOWER, THE KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON, DIGITEK, BATTLE-TIDE (the senses-staggering battle between Death's Head II and Kilpower) WARHEADS, DARK ANGEL, TEAM

HELIX, and NIGHTRAVEN!

But that's only the beginning of Britain's super hero invasion! Early in '93 don't miss the way-out wonderment of MYSTECH WARS, DEATH RATTLE, SHADOW RIDERS, BLOOD SEED, GENE MACH NE, WILD THING, BLACK-AXE, SUPER SOLDIERS, GUN RUNNER DEATH METAL, and the mind-blasting mystery of — PLASMER!

Perhaps the most spectacular surprise of all is the fact that the entire kaboodle of British heroes meet, greet. and interact with your own favorites from Marvel U.S.A.) So don't be surprised to see Wolvenne and Sabretooth pop up in Battletide's limited series, or to find War heads. Mephisto and the Silver Surfer sharing the same adventures! As always, the Marvel Universe is one and linseparable, so anything happering anywhere affects all else in our ever-constant, everchanging cosmos.

"Tis with happy heart and cheerful men that I but hee adieu, buoyed by the knowledge that the incalculable power of this month's Soapbox has insured that thou shalt not miss the triumphant entry of Marvei U.K.'s horde of heroes to our grand and grateful shores!

Excelsior!

Flan

Stan Lee

everybody's doin' it! No, we're not talking about hologram covers — we're talking about gettin' hitched. Takin' the plunge. Checkin' into the matrimonial institution. Doin' the marriage thing.

Lately there have been a rash of weddings among the edito-

rial staff of Mighty Marvel —
they've been popping up tike
zits on a New Warrior. Following in the footsteps of Reed and
Sue ... Peter and Mary Jane ...
Dr. Octopus and Aunt May
many of our mighty Marveloids
have decided to pursue lives of
wedded bliss. Tieing the knot is
a big commitment — it's like
when Hercules quits his job as a
solo hero and becomes an
Avender

One ed tor who is solo no longer is Associate Editor Evan Skolinick, who this past July said "It do" to his own British import, Lynn White, after a whirliwind three month courtship. In addition to his recent nuprials, Evan was recently promoted to Associate Editor of such titles of ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER and MARVEL YEAR IN REVIEW Sounds like he'll have quits a year of his own to

Still waiting for approval for that Quasar/Ren & Stimpy teamup is Mark Gruenwald, who also slipped the quantum band around the finger of his new bride, Catherine Schuller, last month. Performing at Mark's wedding was WOLVERINE witter Larry Hama's band, the K-Ot call Mark and Catherine's

wedding song was "One More Kiss," from the movie Bladerunner! (Now if only we could make a replicant of Mark, we could get twice as much work out of him!)

Bul pen cartoonist Rick Parker, still basking in the success of his best-selling book with Barry Dutter, Everything I Really Need to Know I learned From Television also waiked down the a sle last month with BARBIE writer Lisa Trusiani at a ceremony in Farmouth, Maine. The reception included a good old New England style clambake, and all the guests were treated to a cruise on lovely Casco Bay Unfortunately, the Love Boat's Captain Stubing was unavailable to perform the wedding ceremony

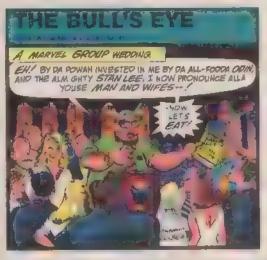
Sadly, Pin-Head of the Cenobites, doesn't do weddings, either Pin-Head's boss,

HELLRAISER editor Marcus McLaurin, is used to seeing souls torn apart over in the pages of that mag. But MM will take part in the joining of two souts when he exchanges vows with his intended, Janet Paes, next May. Marcus proposed to Janet on the Sky Ride at Disneyworld last January. Surely this wedding will be an Epic event, though hopefully not a harrowing one. (Or are we Barkering up the wrong tree?)

Finally, we come to HULK editor Bobbie Chase, whose gamma-irradiated nuptials will be taking place next June. Craig Kunaschik, of the Direct Sales Department, proposed to Bobbie at the top of a mountain in St Maartin while the two were on vacation. It is hoped that their union will bring Marvel's editorial and sales departments closer together, and bring even greater unity to the Marvel family. Surely it won't be long before Bobbie and Craig will have little Midnight Sons and Daughters of their own running around all over the place.

Warmest wedding wishes to all our newlyweds! And remember the lesson learned by Spider-Man not so long ago: With great weddings come great catering bills!

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Evan's former boss, Fabian Nicieza, writer of NOMAD, last month gave up his life of wandering as he settled down and married his longitime sweetheart, Tracey Lee it only took twelve years for Fabe to make that decision — that's one heck of a dead ine! Fabe's brother, Mariano, of the Promotions Department, threw a blowout bachelor party for fabulous Fabe, which featured a special mega-entertaining slideshow of "The Lives and Time of Fabian." It was attended by many of the brightest and best guys (no girls allowed, natch) in the business.

Fabian's NOMAD editor Glenn "Helium" Herding seems to have found religion. Not only is he writing PARAGON for our new religious comics line, but he also was made an honest man last month by his new bride, Laura Eckhardt. Glenn took his lady love up in a balloon, and popped the question — but not the balloon, fortunately. Glenn's proposal first appeared in comic book form in WHAT IF #31. Glenn presented Laura with a copy of the comic while up in the balloon, and she answered in the affirmative quicker than Tom DeFalco approving a new Thor series.





































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OUT OF MY HEAD

It's official! We've got another hit on our hands! Rather than run off at the mouth, we'll just hint at what's to come! By the wey, thanks to the gang at Science Fiction Age mag azine for their kind men tion of Marvel's 2099 line! SFAge is kind of tough to find, so if you don't see it on your newsstand, get morally indignant.

Meet you at the "next issue" box. Don't forget to write!

MORE OF MARVEL

NEXT ISSUE: A deadly trap is set. . and Tiana is the bait! Only she can lure our hero, the Man Without Mercy, to the homeland and headquarters of the maleficent Mutroids! But can Ravage force that trap to swing shut on Deathstryk instead? Experience the "Horror in Hellrock" firsthand!



SPIDER-MAN 2099 #3 Our first Issue was the comics sensation of the year! Now, read the breathtaking conclusion of the origin of the new webbed wonder, Miguel O'Hara and hope that the villainous Venture won't conclude Spidey's career before it starts!

DOOM 2099 #2 Inker John Beatty joins Team Doom, as we reveal more about the Latverian gypsies that Doom has cast his tot with. How can these nomads .iope to regain the throne? Find out in "The Action of the Tiger!





THE PUNISHER 2099 #1 Jake Gallows is the last cop on the Public Eye who believes that justice can't be bought! But when his family is slaughtered by a maniac whose influence keeps him from his day of reckoning. Jake proves crime doesn't pay as. the Punisher!